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TOTAL CLAIMS	11	MINUS	20	= 0	X \$50	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$200	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$360	\$ 0
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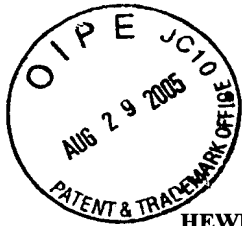
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is presented in response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2005. Please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent Application in light of the Remarks provided below.

The claims are not amended in this Response. However, a listing of the pending claims are provided, beginning on page 2 of this paper, for the convenience of the Examiner.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.